Shan e Nuzul: Circumstances of the Revelation of *The Holy Quran*

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As Eid is fast approaching there has been a large increase in Eid cards, although the Promised Reformer [the Second Caliph] (Allah be pleased with him) had instructed against this practice and discouraged it. So this ought to stop. There is no custom of [sending/receiving] Eid cards in the Community. One should write Eid Greetings of 'Happy Eid' in letters.

My translation of **'When the seas are made to mingle'**[1] was different from the one made by the Promised Reformer [the Second Caliph] (Allah be pleased with him) but this does not mean that his translation is incorrect. These verses are so extraordinary that different meanings can be derived from them and applied to different situations. It is proof of the truth of *The Holy Quran*.

There must be innumerable other verses apart from this which may have eluded my sight and which people read and might pass on fleetingly. As time goes by Allah will keep informing whoever He wills and many new meanings will continue to appear. This is such a written destiny which cannot be averted by anybody.

In addition the Quranic verses mention the *Worm [coming] out of the Earth*. It says that when the time came for the sentence to be passed against them we brought forth for them what can also be taken to mean an insect out of Earth and that an insect will emerge which will bite them because they do not believe in Our Signs. This insect is to be interpreted with reference to the future. The Holy Prophet ﷺ prophesied that the *insect of the Earth* would be 'A kind of plague'. The Narration has been taken from *Sunnan ibn Majah* [by Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Majah] the chapter on Punishments that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said: *It never happens that permissiveness overwhelms a people to the extent that they display their acts of sex shamelessly and they are not uniquely punished by God. Among them, invariably, pestilence is made to spread and such other diseases, the like of which have never been witnessed by their forefathers.*

So this means that it will be a global virus which would also testify to the truth of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). He wrote in *Tadhkirah* page 705: '

> A type of plague will spread in Europe and other Christian countries which will be very severe.[2]

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[1] *The Holy Quran.* Al Takwir [The Enfolding]: 7.
[2] *Tadhkirah.* (Second English Edition, 2009). 930.

This thing has appeared across the whole world and all the representatives of the media in the west use the words 'A type of plague' for it. As well as this all the scientists have predicted that when it takes hold all over the world there will be death and catastrophe on a global scale. This part of the Prophecy has yet to be fulfilled. According to me these verses and Traditions will be fully applicable to the end of this century till the beginning of the next century. It will cause even more destruction than the wars.

Continuing with the subject of the Circumstances of the Revelation there is the verse regarding the eclipse of the sun and moon in Surah al-Qiyamah [The Resurrection]. What is worthy of note is that the eclipse of the moon is related to the eclipse of a spiritual moon. The spiritual moon that was the Holy Prophet ﷺ. People would place veils and mists over this moon but God will reveal his light. The Prophecy that both [eclipses] will occur in the same month is in 'The sun and the moon both together'.[3] Everybody witnessed this event and those who came later were united with those that came before according to the Prophecy in Surah al-Jummuah.[4] So that the bringing together of the moon and the sun tied the Holy Prophet ﷺ with the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him). In his age people really beat their breasts after seeing this Sign because they were left with nowhere to escape after this true Sign and the interesting thing is that Jesus Christ also used the words 'and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn,':

> Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
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> And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
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> And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.[5]

Surah al-Rahman [The Merciful] addresses all classes of people. It mentions the Jinn and Men coming out into Space **'Beyond the regions of the heaven and the Earth'** in the era of the development of the human sciences.[6] It does not refute the attempt but denies the penetration beyond the regions of the entire universe. Other verses mention naval and air battalions.

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[3] Al Qiyamah [The Resurrection]: 10.

[4] It is He who hath raised from amongst the unlettered a Messenger who recites unto them His Signs and purifies them and teaches them the Book and wisdom, though before this they had been in manifest error. He shalt raise him amongst others who have not yet joined them. He is the Almighty the Wise.

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Such is Allah's grace He bestows on whom He pleases; for Allah is the Master of immense Grace.

Al Jummuah [The Friday Congregation]: 3 – 5.

[5] *The Holy Bible*. Matthew 24: 29 – 31.

[6] O company of the Jinn and men! If you have power to pass beyond the regions of the Heavens and the Earth then do go. But you cannot pass save with authority.

Al Rahman [The Merciful]: 34.

'When the graves are laid open' alludes to the new sciences in the field of archaeological research, as does the verse **'Then every person will know what they have yielded and what they have withheld.'**[7]

'When the Earth is levelled out'[8] means new lands will be discovered. For example this is specific to America. If the American Revolution had not occurred the world would have been a very different place but there is also a warning for America that their worldly powers would be rent asunder and the heaven of Islam would once again be spread out across the world:

> Should they ask thee concerning the mountains tell them 'My lord will blast them into scatters of dust'.
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> Leaving them levelled as a barren plain.[9]

Allah the Almighty states that tell them about the mountains that My Lord will scatter into smithereens and leave them levelled to a flat ground. Those who asked the question were thinking of the mountains of the worldly powers. The worldly powers were also wiped out in those days and this will happen now as well. The events themselves speak out in the Prophecies and will continue to speak out. That age will be one of atomic warfare. In such wars the nations who are relying on their power will be smashed into smithereens **'On that day shall they follow the summoner who is upright with no crookedness in him;'** on that day these nations which are as mighty as mountains will file behind a Caller. They will follow that caller whose teaching is straightforward and clear and who adheres to the Right Word. Then will you see that the voices are hushed before the Gracious One.[10]

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[7] Al Infitar [The Breaking]: 5, 6.
[8] Al Inshiqaq [The Splitting]: 4.
[9] Ta Ha: 106, 107.
[10] On that day shall they follow the summoner who is *upright* with no crookedness in him; and voices shall be hushed before the Gracious One and thou shalt not hear but a subdued murmur of footsteps.

Ibid, 109.